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NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL  
COMMITTEE  
320 FIRST STREET SE  
WASHINGTON, DC 20003

**Response Due Date**  
**04/29/2011**

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00075820

REFERENCE: AMENDED 12 DAY PRE-GENERAL REPORT (10/01/2010 - 10/13/2010),  
RECEIVED 10/22/2010

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 3 item(s):

1. The limitation on making coordinated party expenditures on behalf of a House candidate in the State of Illinois for the 2010 general election is \$43,500. Your reports, however, disclose coordinated party expenditures made on behalf of Philip G. Hare totaling \$85,000, which appear to exceed the limitations under 2 U.S.C. §441a(d) (see attached).

If any apparently excessive expenditure in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

If you have made an excessive coordinated party expenditure, you must notify the candidate and request a refund of the amount in excess of the limitation.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund request sent to the candidate. In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received.

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the excessive coordinated party expenditures, prompt action in obtaining a refund will be taken into consideration

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**2.** Schedule A of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions from an organization(s), which is not a political committee registered with the Commission. In order for your committee to accept contributions from unregistered organizations into accounts used to influence federal elections, your committee should take steps to insure that the contributor(s) used permissible funds to make the contribution(s) to avoid violating 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f) and 441b or 11 CFR §102.5(b). Under 11 CFR §102.5(b), organizations which are not political committees under the Act and choose to contribute to federal committees must either: 1) establish a separate account which contains only those funds permitted under the Act, or 2) demonstrate through a reasonable accounting method that the organization has received sufficient funds subject to the limitations and prohibitions in order to make the contribution.

If any apparently prohibited contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. In addition, please clarify whether the contribution(s) received from the referenced organization(s) is permissible.

To the extent that your committee has received prohibited funds, you may have to make a refund. If within 30 days of receipt you (1) transferred the prohibited amount to an account not used to influence federal elections, and (2) provided written notice to the person making the contribution of the option of receiving a refund, you may retain the contribution in an account not used to influence federal elections. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for transfers to a non-federal account were not met within 30 days of receipt, the prohibited amount must be refunded. See 11 CFR §103.3(b)(1).

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for any transfer-out or refund. Should you choose to transfer-out or refund the contribution(s), the Commission will presume the funds were impermissible if no statement from your committee provides information to the contrary. Transfers-out and refunds should be disclosed on a Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report covering the period during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of prohibited contributions, prompt action by your committee in transferring-out or refunding the amounts will be taken into consideration.

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3. Schedule A of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(f) and 11 CFR §110.1(c) prohibit a political committee which is established and maintained by a national political party, and any affiliated committees, from accepting contributions from a person or non-multicandidate political committee in excess of \$30,400 in a calendar year.

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with the clarifying information.

If any contribution you received exceeds the limits, you may have to refund the excessive amount. The funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt, (1) the excessive amount was properly reattributed to another person, such as a joint account holder, by obtaining signed written authorizations from each person making the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR 110.1(k)(3), and (2) the treasurer informs the person making the contribution that he or she may request the return of the excessive portion of the contribution if it is not intended to be a joint contribution. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for reattributions were not met within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for the refund. In addition, any reattributions should be reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period during which the authorization for the reattribution is received. Any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting 28 of the report covering the period during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the acceptance of an excessive contribution(s), prompt action by your committee to seek reattribution or refund the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

**Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter.** Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to

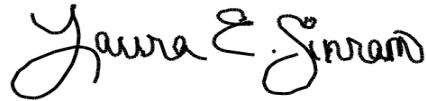
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taking enforcement action. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1157.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura E. Sinram". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "L" and "S".

Laura Sinram  
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division

**Excessive Coordinated Expenditures to a Candidate with an Affiliated Committee**

<b>Recipient Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Contributing Affiliate</b>
Philip Hare	6/30/10	\$6.21	2010 July Monthly	C00000935
Philip Hare	10/6/10	\$80,000.00	2010 12 Day Pre-General	C00167015
Philip G. Hare	10/12/10	\$85,000.00	2010 12 Day Pre-General	C00075820

**Receipt from an Unregistered Organization**

<b>Contributor Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
TEXAS CONSUMER LENDERS PAC	10/8/10	\$5,000

**Excessive Contribution from an Individual**

<b>Contributor Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Report</b>
DAVID HERRO HERRO	6/30/10	\$9,600	2010 July Monthly
MR. DAVID HERRO	9/30/10	\$2,500	2010 October Monthly
MR. DAVID HERRO	10/12/10	\$20,000	2010 12 Day Pre-General